EDUCATION ABROAD CHECKLIST

1. **Attend an Information Session** to learn more information about programs and next steps.

2. **Research Programs**
   - Use the Education Abroad website to search for programs that might work for you

3. **Schedule an Appointment with the Education Abroad Advisor** to discuss study abroad options, answer any questions and assist with the completion of the course approval process.

4. **Meet with your Academic Advisor** to inform them of your intent to study abroad.
   - Discuss your plans to study abroad as well as your returning semester

5. **Begin Education Abroad Application Online**
   - Log into the application at https://bgsu.studioabroad.com/ using your My BGSU login credentials and complete the application materials

6. **Explore Financial Aid and Scholarships**
   - Apply for FAFSA, research scholarship and grant opportunities
   - Meet with Financial Aid Advisor (if necessary)

7. **Review Education Abroad Application** to submit any missing forms or information.
   - Login to your account to view any additional application requirements

8. **Apply for a Passport**
   - If you do not already have a passport, apply as soon as possible because this process can take up to 6 weeks

9. **Apply for a Visa**
   - Check with your Education Abroad Advisor to see if your program requires a visa
   - If you do need a visa we recommend beginning the process 90 days before departure for your program. This process may involve multiple steps so it is important to begin early

10. **Attend Pre-Departure Orientation** to learn valuable information to help you adjust to life abroad.

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